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ANNUAL REPORT.

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

FOR THE YEAR 1966.

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CHEL TENHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1966.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Cheltenham Rural District Council,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for 1966 on the health, environmental, hygiene and sanitary circumstances of the Rural District.

I am indebted to other officers of the Council for much of the material from which the Report is compiled and especially to Mr. L. Grogan, the Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector for sections dealing with the work of his department.

The annual increase in population was 1,340 and although not as large as the previous year it is still quite substantial, raising the total population to 39,030.

The health statistics are favourable and reflect on a healthy and thriving community.

The Birth Rate at 19.3 per 1000 population is above the national average 17.7; whilst the Death Rate 9.6 per 1000 population is below that for England and Wales, 11.7.

Only 6 infants under 1 year of age died during the year which gives an average of 8 such deaths per 1000 births. This infantile mortality rate is the lowest recorded in the Rural District, it must be remembered however that the numbers are small and annual fluctuations may be expected.

Measles was again prevalent but the incidence of other forms of infectious disease was extremely light. The level of immunity amongst the child population is high because the response to campaign for immunisation and vaccination has been good.

During the summer months complaints were made of discolouration in the mains water supply. The problem is complex and difficult and is under constant investigation by the North West Gloucestershire Water Board. The board has instituted additional treatment of the water at source and is making progress in a programme for cleaning and relining the distribution mains, whilst in areas affected the water mains are thoroughly flushed out.

Present day conditions are leading to rapid development of intensive farming methods. When these factory type units are in close proximity to dwellings failure in management is likely to give rise to nuisances from drainage, noise, stench, flies, vermin and atmospheric pollution. It is most important, therefore, that in siting such units due regard should be had to existing and proposed development.

The Council built 97 dwellings during the year, of these 37 flats were for elderly people and incorporated guest bedrooms, laundry facilities and underfloor heating. A resident Warden is available in emergencies. This type of accommodation enables old people to maintain their independence for longer than would otherwise be possible.


In conclusion, may I offer my sincere thanks to members of the Council for their kind consideration, and to the staff for their continued help during the period.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

STEPHEN KNIGHT.

Medical Officer of Health.



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CHELTENHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	81.918
Registrar-General's estimate of mid-year population (including members of the Armed Forces)	39.030
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1966)	12.098
Rateable Value (at 17.10.66)	£1452,703
Sum represented by a penny rate	£ 6,254

VITAL STATISTICS.

These statistics give particulars of the births and deaths in the Rural District.

MOTHERS AND INFANTS.

1. LIVE BIRTHS.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Number: Legitimate	711	372	339
Illegitimate	41	18	23
Total	752	390	362
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the population		19.3	
Area Comparability Factor(Births)		0.94	
Corrected Birth Rate(19.3 x 0.94)		18.1	

2. ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS. (per cent of Total Live Births)

5.4

3. STILL BIRTHS.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Number: Legitimate	4	3	1
Illegitimate	---	---	---
Total	4	3	1
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births		5.3	

4. TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS.

756

5. INFANT DEATHS.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
(1) Deaths of infants under 1 year.			
Number: Legitimate	3	3	---
Illegitimate	3	2	1
Total	6	5	1
(2) Neo-natal Deaths under 4 weeks			
Number: Legitimate	1	1	---
Illegitimate	1	1	---
Total	2	2	---

VITAL STATISTICS. (Contd.)

MOTHERS AND INFANTS (Contd.)

(3) Early neo-natal Deaths of Infants under 1 week	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate	1	1	---
Illegitimate	1	1	---
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Total	2	2	---
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6. INFANT MORTALITY RATES.

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	8.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	4.2
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	73.0

7. NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000
total live births) 2.7

8. EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under 1 week per
1,000 total live births) 2.7

9. PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (still births and deaths under
1 week combined per 1,000 total
live and still births) 7.9

10. MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)
Number of Deaths None.
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births Nil.

11. <u>DEATHS.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Number	377	186	191
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population			9.6
Area Comparability Factors (Deaths)			1.19
Corrected Death Rate (9.6 x 1.19)			11.4

POPULATION

The population estimated by the Registrar General for mid 1966 is 39,030 as compared with 37,690 for the previous year; the annual increase in population is 1,340.

BIRTH RATE.

Live births numbered 752, the Birth Rate being 19.3 per 1,000 population, which compares favourably with the national average 17.7.

DEATH RATE.

377 people died during the year, the Death Rate being 9.6 per 1,000 population, considerably lower than 11.7 for England and Wales.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Only six infants under one year of age died during the year thus the Infantile Mortality rate is exceptionally low 8 such deaths per 1000 live births.

VITAL STATISTICS. (Contd.)

CANCER

Death Rates from Cancer per 1,000 population:-

	<u>England & Wales.</u>		<u>Persons.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Cancer of the Lung	0.966	0.179	0.2	0.05
Other cancer	1.537	1.830	0.84	0.79

Eight men and two women died of cancer of the lung, even so the deaths from this cause are below the national average.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

The causes of death in the following table are classified under the Abbreviated List of International Statistical Classifications:

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	---
2. Tuberculosis, other	---	---
3. Syphilitic disease	---	---
4. Diphtheria	---	---
5. Whooping Cough	---	---
6. Meningococcal infections.	---	---
7. Acute poliomyelitis	---	---
8. Measles	---	---
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	2	---
10. Malignant neoplasms, stomach	5	4
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	8	2
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	---	8
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	---	3
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	28	16
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	---
16. Diabetes	1	---
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	26	33
18. Coronary disease, angina	52	29
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	2
20. Other heart disease	12	37
21. Other circulatory disease	9	20
22. Influenza	---	---
23. Pneumonia	9	11
24. Bronchitis	12	4
25. Other disease of the respiratory system	---	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	---	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	---	---
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	---
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	---	---
31. Congenital malformations	2	---
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	17
33. Motor vehicle accidents	3	1
34. All other accidents	1	---
35. Suicide	2	1
36. Homicide and operations of war	---	---
Total:	<u>186</u>	<u>191</u>

VITAL STATISTICS, (Contd.,)

BIRTH, DEATH AND INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES IN THE
DISTRICT FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
<u>Birth Rate</u> (per 1,000 population)	19.1	21.1	20.47	21.89	19.3
<u>Death Rate</u> (per 1,000 population)	9.0	9.2	8.6	8.6	9.6
<u>Infantile Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 live births) (Deaths of Infants under 1 year)	29.0	12.5	17.7	16.97	8.0
<u>Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 live births) (Deaths of infants under 1 month)	22.5	9.7	10.9	13.30	2.7

COMPARISON WITH THE BIRTH, DEATH AND INFANTILE MORTALITY
RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES ETC., FOR 1966.

	<u>England & Wales,</u>	<u>County of Glos,</u>	<u>Cheltenham R.D.C.</u>
<u>Live Birth Rate</u> (per 1,000 Population)	17.7	19.14	19.3
<u>Still Birth Rate</u> (per 1,000 total Live and Still Births)	15.4	13.89	5.3
<u>Infantile Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live Births - deaths of Infants under 1 year)	19.0	15.88	8.0
<u>Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live Births - deaths of Infants under 1 month)	12.9	10.59	2.7
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live and Still births - Still births and Infant deaths under 1 week)	26.3	22.8	7.9
<u>Early Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> , (per 1,000 total Live births) (Deaths under one week of age)	11.1	9.07	2.7
<u>Death Rate</u> (per 1,000 population)	11.7	10.76	9.6

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTION AND OTHER DISEASES.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1966.
(excluding Tuberculosis)

	<u>Under</u> <u>1 year</u>		<u>1 - 4</u>		<u>5 - 14</u>		<u>15 - 24</u>		<u>25 and</u> <u>over</u>		<u>Age</u> <u>Unknown</u>		<u>Total.</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Scarlet Fever	-	-	4	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	5
Whooping Cough	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
Poliomyelitis, para- lytic, non-paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	7	6	124	101	62	79	2	2	-	1	8	1	203	190
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	<u>Under</u> <u>5 years</u>		<u>5 - 14</u>		<u>15 - 44</u>		<u>45 - 64</u>		<u>65 and</u> <u>over.</u>		<u>Total.</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Pneumonia	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	1
Encephalitis, infectious	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5

Scarlet Fever.

Twelve cases of scarlet fever were notified. The disease continued to be light in incidence and mild in character.

Diphtheria.

No case has occurred in the District since 1949.

Whooping Cough.

Only six cases were notified, vaccination against this disease is also proving most successful.

Measles.

393 cases were notified. The Rural District is extensive and has widely scattered centres of population so that an epidemic of measles occurs in one part or another each year.

Poliomyelitis.

The District was free from cases of Poliomyelitis.

Food Poisoning.

No cases of food poisoning occurred, a tribute to the high standard of cleanliness in all branches of the food trade.

Dysentery.

Two cases of dysentery of the relatively mild Sonne type were notified.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION 1966.

Immunisation against Diphtheria during 1966 was as follows:-

Age at 31.12.66 i.e. born in year	<u>Under 1 yr.</u> 1966	<u>1 yr.</u> 1965	<u>2 - 4 yrs.</u> 1964-62	<u>5 - 14 yrs.</u> 1961-52	<u>Under 15 yrs.</u>
Primary Immunisation	315	301	32	28	676
Re-inforcing injection					1220

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX.

The following table sets out the details of the records of vaccination received during the year:-

	<u>Under 1 yr.</u>	<u>1 yr.</u>	<u>2 - 4 yrs.</u>	<u>5 - 14 yrs.</u>	<u>15 +</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Vaccination	48	302	111	51	4	516
Re-Vaccination	—	—	8	60	7	75

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES.

	<u>Children.</u> <u>0 - 4 yrs.</u>	<u>5 - 14 yrs.</u>	<u>All persons.</u>
Respiratory	—	—	4
Meninges and C.N.S.	—	—	—
Other forms	—	1	1
			<u>5</u>
		Total:	

DEATHS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Respiratory	1	—
Meninges and C.N.S.	—	—
Other forms	—	—

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER.

The number of cases on the register at 31st. December, 1966 was as follows:-

<u>Male</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u> <u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Non-pulmonary.</u> <u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>All forms</u> <u>Total.</u>
55	20	75	2	13	15	90

One person died of respiratory tuberculosis and five new cases were notified. Nowadays treatment of the disease is effective and patients are not ill for long periods. Every effort is made to find the source of the infection and to trace all the contacts of new cases. By such means together with full support of the Mass Radiography Service and B.C.G. Vaccinations tuberculosis could be eradicated.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

Food & Drugs Act 1955 - Clean Food and Food Hygiene.

Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, are in force for securing hygienic methods in the handling, wrapping and delivery of food for sale in the open air. The Food Hygiene Regulations require that clean food should be dealt with only by clean persons in clean premises, using clean equipment.

Food shops and similar establishments are inspected regularly to ensure that food is wholesome and that the premises comply with requirements.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47 - Removal to Suitable Premises of Persons
in need of care and attention.

National Assistance (Amendment) Act 1951 - Section 1.

These Acts give local authorities power to apply to the Courts for the compulsory removal of aged or sick persons who are living in insanitary conditions and are unable to provide for themselves and are not receiving from other people, proper care and attention. It was not necessary to make any application to the Court during the year.

The Home Help Service and Old People's Welfare Committee are of great assistance to many elderly people, enabling them to carry on in their own homes even though they have been left on their own.

Old People's Welfare Committee.

An Old People's Welfare Committee operates in the area. The Committee helps to co-ordinate local Services both voluntary and statutory for the elderly. This Committee has proved most useful and members act as visitors in their own area. Mr. W. A. G. Acocks the Clerk to the Council is the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Rural Districts Old People's Welfare Committee.

Families at Risk.

The scheme agreed between the County Council and District Council for the rehabilitation of Families at Risk continued to operate during the year. Under the scheme the County Council guarantee 75% of the rent if the case is accepted. When arrears of rent are such as to render a family liable to eviction from a Council house, the circumstances are reported to the County Social Welfare Officer.

Sixty-one families were referred to this officer, 59 were accepted under the scheme and in the other two cases because homelessness was a possibility.

Listed below is the type of assistance obtained for the families by or at the instigation of the Social Welfare Officer:-

Charities	5	Furnishings	3
(Service			
(Charities	2	Clothing	2
(Ministry of			
(Social			
(Security	3	Bedding	3
(Section 1 Child			
(& Young Persons			
(Act 1963	-	Rent Arrears	3
Gifts from		Food	1
Welfare Dept.	<u>3</u>	Other	<u>1</u>
	<u>13</u>		<u>13</u>

In order to co-ordinate the efforts of the various social agencies working for the welfare of families the Divisional Medical Officer of Health calls a meeting of representatives to discuss the problems of a family whose circumstances are a matter for concern.

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR HEALTH SERVICES.

Laboratory Facilities.

Samples of water, milk and ice-cream and pathological specimens are sent for bacteriological analysis to the Public Health Laboratory, Gloucester. The laboratory is part of the Public Health Laboratory Service of the Ministry of Health and no charge is made for making use of its services.

Specimens for chemical examinations are submitted to the City Analyst, Bristol, or to the County and City Analyst, Worcester.

HOME HELP SERVICE.

This service is organised by the County Council and a charge is made according to a scale of assessment.

The Home Help takes over the running of the home where the housewife is temporarily incapacitated through illness. As noted elsewhere, the Service is very useful to old people who can no longer manage because of infirmity.

Appeals for assistance from the Home Help Service should be made to The Divisional Health Office, Council Offices, Copt Elm Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham.
(Telephone No. Cheltenham 25746 and 25747)

Nursing in the Home.

The area is covered by the District Nursing Association under the control of the County Council. Information is available from the Council Offices or the Divisional Health Office, Charlton Kings.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

Apperley	Last Thursday	Stanway	2nd. Friday
Ashchurch	Alternate Tuesdays	Twynning	2nd. Thursday
Bishops Cleeve	Each Wednesday	Warden Hill	Each Tuesday
	1st. Thursday(Toddlers)		4th. Monday-)
Dumbleton	4th. Friday		Toddlers.)
Leckhampton	Each Friday	Winchcombe	1st. & 3rd.
Prestbury	Each Tuesday		Tuesdays.
The Reddings	2nd. & 4th. Thursday	Witcombe &	1st. & 3rd.
Shurdington	1st. 3rd. and 5th. Wednesday	Bentham	Tuesdays.
	(Toddlers)	*Cotherington	1st. Wednesday
		*Swindon Village	2nd. and 4th.
			Mondays.
		* MOBILE UNIT.	

These centres are under the administration of the County Council. Nearly all mothers and babies attend. The bulk of the work falls upon the ladies of the local Voluntary Committees and the thanks of the community are due to them for their devotion to this work.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS.

Stanton Open-Air Pool.

This concrete lined pool has a capacity of 70,000 gallons and is situated a few hundred yards to the east of the village. During the summer months it is in constant use, not only by bathers from Stanton and the surrounding villages, but also by visitors to the Gloucestershire Education Authority's Summer Youth Camp, close by.

While the pool is maintained and administered by the Parish Council, the water is supplied by the Water Undertaking. Chlorination is carried out by means of sulphate of ammonia and chloros and the pool is emptied, thoroughly cleansed and re-filled at approximately fortnightly intervals. Samples for bacteriological examination are taken periodically.

WATER SUPPLY.

The supply in the district was satisfactory in quantity and quality throughout the year. Complaints regarding discolouration and sediment were received and the North West Gloucestershire Water Board took various measures to overcome and deal with this problem. All the supplies are chlorinated.

Samples were taken for bacteriological analysis from public and private supplies.

None of the waters are liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

	<u>No. of houses.</u>	<u>Estimated population.</u>	<u>No. of houses supplied direct into houses.</u>	<u>Population supplied direct into houses.</u>	<u>Population supplied by means of standpipe.</u>
Alderton	209	617	209	617	---
Ashchurch	723	2,643	723	2,643	---
Badgeworth	587	1,884	587	1,884	---
Bishops Cleeve	1,928	6,526	1,928	6,526	---
Boddington	91	291	91	291	---
Buckland *	81	238	81	238	---
Coberley	83	303	83	303	---
Cowley *	100	314	100	314	---
Deerhurst	183	583	174	559	---
Dumbleton *	160	522	157	512	---
Elmstone Hardwicke	71	263	71	263	---
Gotherington	278	863	278	863	---
Great Witcombe *	34	108	34	108	---
Hawling	49	168	49	168	---
Leckhampton	1,396	4,324	1,396	4,324	---
Leigh	89	279	89	279	---
Oxenton *	54	160	54	160	---
Prescott *	26	87	26	87	---
Prestbury	1,568	4,973	1,568	4,973	---
Shurdington	679	2,134	679	2,134	---
Snowhill	64	221	64	221	---
Southam	219	637	218	631	---
Stanton	97	275	97	275	---
Stanway	132	409	132	409	---
Staverton	252	708	252	708	---
Stoke Orchard	95	305	95	305	---
Sudeley *	38	143	38	143	---
Swindon	334	1,114	334	1,114	---
Teddington	83	242	80	238	6
Toddington	118	401	118	401	---
Twynning	285	911	274	870	---
Uckington	115	383	115	383	---
Up Hatherley	391	1,129	391	1,129	---
Walton Cardiff	19	57	19	57	---
Winchcombe	1,306	4,012	1,305	4,010	2
Woodmancote	485	1,559	1,485	1,559	---
TOTALS.	12,422	39,786	12,394	39,699	8
* PRIVATE or PART-PRIVATE SUPPLIES.					

CHELTHENHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Report by the Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor
on the Work of his Department for the year 1966.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Work of my Department.

The activities of the Council have been maintained during the year. I have listed the various duties under separate headings and endeavoured to give an indication of the extent of the work undertaken by the department.

HOUSING.

The number of new dwellings completed in the district during the year totalled 447, of these 350 were erected by private enterprise. The Council completed 97 flats at Shurdington.

Taking a figure of slightly over 3 persons per dwelling, it is estimated that accommodation was provided for a population of approximately 1,400, with consequent increase in the demand for services, such as water supply, sewerage and refuse collection.

The Council has continued its activities regarding improvement grants and owners of property are encouraged to make applications and every assistance is given to applicants. There are still many properties in need of improvement and it is hoped that in course of time, the majority, if not all, will take advantage of the benefits of the scheme.

Repairs to Council Houses.

Repairs to Council houses are generally carried out by direct labour, and at the end of the year, we employed a total of eleven men upon this work(not including the Foreman). The following figures show the work carried out:-

		<u>Year ending:</u>	
		<u>31.12.65.</u>	<u>31.12.66.</u>
No. of houses repairable by the Council at the end of the year (others will be released from Contractors from time to time),		1,603	1,603
No. of Garages repairable by the Council		342	342
No. of repair orders completed by the Council's staff(an order may contain several items),		1,422	1,318
No. of repair orders completed by Contractors including electricity and gas		650	760
	<u>Completed 1960-1965</u>	<u>Completed 1966.</u>	<u>In Progress.</u>
Number of Pre-war Council Houses improved,	102	6	<u>Outstanding.</u>
		6	132
		<u>Year ending:</u>	
		<u>31.12.65</u>	<u>31.12.66</u>
No. of houses overhauled and re-decorated externally (by contract)		306	311

Repairs to Council Houses. (Continued)

	<u>Year ending:</u>	
	<u>31.12.65</u>	<u>31.12.66.</u>
No. of tiled surround fireplaces fitted	13	13
No. of defective draining boards replaced	38	38
No. of defective firebaskets/bottom bars replaced	43	58
No. of Hot water cylinders	(not listed)	12
No. of defective sinks replaced	10	4
No. of defective sanitary pails replaced	1	1
No. of W.C. pans replaced	34	27
No. of defective taps replaced	18	12
No. of defective flush boxes replaced	19	10
No. of defective chimney pots replaced	6	18
No. of defective lavatory basins replaced	18	16
No. of defective W.C. seats replaced	20	9
No. of gate-posts renewed	18	30
No. of roofs repaired	99	128
No. of eaves gutters and/or downpipes repaired	104	106
No. of visits to Council houses for various purposes	5,330	4,431
No. of cases where damage has been repaired at the tenant's expense	14	33
No. of applications to erect television aerials dealt with	34	14

Other activities in housing:

Housing Act, 1957 - 1961.

Houses demolished in Clearance Areas, unfit for Human Habitation	Nil
Houses demolished not in Clearance Areas but as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 16 or Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	4
Unfit houses closed under section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957, and section 26 Housing Act, 1961	4
Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied:	
After informal action	56
After formal notice under sections 9 & 16 Housing Act, 1957	2
After formal notice under Public Health Acts	Nil
After determination of a demolition order, under section 24, Housing Act, 1957	2
After determination of a closing order under section 27, Housing Act, 1957	1
No. of housing inspections or re-visits:	247

Improvement Grants.

During the year 18 applications for Discretionary Grants affecting 18 properties and 24 applications for Standard Grants affecting 25 properties were approved. The total number of Discretionary Grants approved since the Council became the authority for dealing with these cases has risen to 554 cases affecting 638 properties and the amount of grants approved totals £204,331 up to the end of 1966. The total number of Standard Grants so far approved affected 172 properties and the estimated amount of grants involved was £25,909.

The results have in all instances been very satisfactory and there is no doubt that this scheme has enabled accommodation to be retained and thus avoided the Council having to provide more houses.

Building Byelaws.

The work in connection with the Building Byelaws is as follows:-

	Year ending:	
	<u>31.12.65</u>	<u>31.12.66.</u>
<u>New houses completed:</u>		
Council houses/flats	38	97
Private Enterprise	43	350
Cheltenham Corporation	6	---
	<u>157</u>	<u>447</u>
No. of dwellings provided by conversion of existing buildings and dwellings	15	7
No. of houses in course of erection:		
Council	133	36
Private Enterprise	235	222
Total number of plans received and considered	719	709
Number of plans resubmitted	108	114
Total considered by Committee	827	823
Total number of plans approved permanent	749	691
Total number of plans approved temporary	21	2
Total number of plans disapproved	57	130
Temporary approvals renewed	20	22
Plans declared of no effect	---	191
Temporary buildings removed	---	---
Number of informal notices sent	8	5
No. of recommendations to Area Planning Officer	423	481
No. of visits to properties and sites	4,628	3,232

Each plan when received is checked, and if there is any discrepancy and time permits, the owner's or architect's attention is drawn to this with a view to the necessary alterations being made prior to consideration by the Committee.

Every endeavour is made to inspect work at the following stages - excavation of foundations; completion of concrete foundations; dampcourse; roofing; testing of drains; installation of fittings; and completion.

In a number of cases, the owners of houses have obtained loans through the Council under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, (as amended), and in such cases more frequent inspections are made and the work is closely checked before certificates are issued for payments.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

Under this heading has been included the work in connection with milk supply, infectious diseases, water supply, nuisances, disinfestations, tents, vans and sheds, factories and workshops, pollution of streams, inspection of food premises, public conveniences and sewage disposal etc.

The following figures show the activities during the year:-

	Year ending:	
	<u>31.12.65</u>	<u>31.12.66.</u>
No. of complaints received or nuisances discovered	102	105
Nuisances abated	77	65
Complaints not justified	25	40
Informal notices sent	25	20
Statutory notices served	Nil	Nil
No. of premises disinfested	7	3
No. of visits in connection with the above items	483	428

PUBLIC HEALTH (Continued)

	<u>Year ending.</u>	
	<u>31.12.65</u>	<u>31.12.66</u>
No. of new drainage systems installed	74	34
Visits to new drainage systems	281	167
Number of visits to public conveniences	41	23
Infectious disease visits	56	18
Visits in connection with street numbering	27	77
Other Public Health Visits, i.e. Clean air Act, Farm drainage, etc.		427

Inspection of Foods:

The following foodstuffs have been condemned:-

	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>grs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>ozs.</u>
Canned Fish			4	8
Canned Meat		2	2	2½
Fruit Juice			1	3
Soup			3	3½
Tomatoes			16	10
Canned Fruit		3	0	5
Lard			5	-
Fruit Pie Filling				15½
Semolina & Rice				15½
Canned Vegetables			10	5½
Spaghetti, Ravioli				7½
Raw Meat		2	10	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>12</u>

Tinned Milk 3½ pints.

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep & Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Horses.</u>
Number killed	152	7	816	306	---
Number inspected	152	7	816	306	---

All diseases except tuberculosis and
Cysticerci:

Whole carcases condemned	---	---	---	---	---
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	7	---	27	29	---
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	4.6%	---	3.31%	9.48%	---

Tuberculosis only:

Whole carcases condemned	---	---	---	---	---
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	---	---	---	2	---
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	---	---	---	0.65%	---

Cysticercosis.

Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	---	---	5	---	---
Generalised and totally condemned	---	---	---	---	---
Percentage of number inspected affected with Cysticercosis	---	---	0.37%	---	---
Total amount of meat condemned:	2 cwt. 1 qr. 6½ lb.				

Methods of disposal of Condemned Food:

Condemned food is disposed of as follows:

- (a) By burial in lime.
- (b) In suitable cases by disposal to knackers' yards by arrangement with the adjoining Public Health Authority.

No. of Special Examinations of a Stock or Consignment of food
No. of visits to Slaughterhouses

85

Nil.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Food shops and catering establishments are inspected to ensure that food is wholesome and to verify compliance with the Act. The number of premises are as follows:

Trade.	Total	Fitted to comply with Regulation 16.	Regulation 19 applicable.	Fitted to comply with Regulation 19.
Bakers	8	8	8	8
Butchers	11	11	11	11
Cafes	13	10	13	13
Confectioners	9	7	8	8
Fishfriers	2	2	2	2
General Stores	55	50	53	50
Greengrocers	8	5	8	8
Sweet Retailers	2	2	1	1
Hotels	13	12	13	13
Public Houses	43	40	43	43
Factory Canteens	11	11	11	11
Clubs	11	9	11	11
Wet Fish	1	1	1	1
	<u>187</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>180</u>

Mobile General Stores:	5
Mobile Butcher's Stores:	1
Mobile Fish Frier :	1
Mobile Cafe:	1
Mobile Wet Fish:	1
Mobile Greengrocers:	2
Informal Notices sent:	15

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

During the year 8 complaints were received as to the condition and quality of food purchased by members of the Public. Action was taken as follows:-

Not justified:	1
Not pursued through lack of evidence as to cause:	2
Warning letters sent to offending firms:	2
Successful prosecutions:	4
(2 prosecutions related to one complaint)	

Section 16 (1)

Number of premises registered for the sale and storage of ice-cream:	95
Number of applications considered and licences issued during the year:	2
Number of premises registered for the preparation of preserved foods intended for sale:	5
Total number of visits in connection with the Food and Drugs Acts	306

Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963.

During the year a further 7 premises were registered.

Detailed general inspections have been carried out during the course of the year, but bearing in mind the class of premises found throughout this Rural District, the contraventions have been generally of a technical nature, i.e. provision of thermometers and explanatory leaflets.

Several premises were found to require additional washing facilities, and these have now been supplied.

Only one accident was reported, and this was found during a routine general inspection. The owner of the premises concerned responded promptly and carried out the required works to prevent a recurrence of the accident. Owners and occupiers of registered premises have been reminded of their legal obligations in respect of accidents.

As regards lighting, in only one instance has it been found necessary to recommend a higher standard of lighting, and this was complied with.

No. of informal notices sent:	11
No. of visits:	134

The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

At the end of the year, the number of licenced sites in use totalled 118, covering 724 (including 136 seasonal) caravans. Comparison with the 1965 figure shows an increase of 4 sites but overall the total number of caravans remain the same.

Inspections of the larger sites, none of which have closed down, have not revealed any serious contraventions of the site licence conditions. In some instances, sitings were found to be unsatisfactory due to substitution of larger caravans and owners were requested to re-site these.

Applications were dealt with as follows:

New Sites	6 relating to 6 caravans.
New Sites (seasonal)	Nil.
Additions to existing sites	1 relating to 1 caravan.
Additions to existing sites (seasonal)	Nil.
Renewal of site licences	18 relating to 18 caravans.

No. of visits to sites:	627
No. of informal notices served:	5

Factories Act, 1961.

	<u>Year ending:</u>	
	<u>31.12.65</u>	<u>31.12.66</u>
Number of Visits to factories:	210	238
Number of informal notices served:	3	1

See also additional information annexed to this report.

Sewage Disposal.

The following works were completed during 1966:-

Improvements to sludge beds, Alderton/Gretton Sewage Works.
Enlargement of Badgeworth Sewage Works.
Installation of larger pumping equipment at Swindon Pumping Station.

Works in progress:-

New Sewage Disposal Works and Pumping Stations, Twynning.
Enlargement of Winchcombe Sewage Works.

Sewage Disposal, (Continued)

A tender was accepted for the provision of sewers and disposal works at Teddington,

Ministry consent was received for the laying of a sewer to properties at Henley Bank, Badgeworth, in conjunction with Gloucester Rural District Council.

The Ministry authorised the invitation of tenders for improvements to Great Washbourne Sewage Disposal Works and the laying of a relief sewer at Winchcombe,

Proposals were submitted to the Ministry for improvements to Stanton Sewage Works and enlargement of Gotherington Sewage Works.

Water Supplies.

The number of new connections made to the mains during the year totalled 310.

Number of visits to supplies mains, etc. 139.

The North West Gloucestershire Water Board laid the following lengths of water mains in the Rural District during 1966:-

<u>PARISH.</u>	<u>LENGTHS IN YARDS.</u>
Ashchurch	707
Badgeworth	96
Bishops Cleeve	134
Deerhurst	194
Dumbleton	222
Leckhampton	762
Leigh	77
Prestbury	1,306
Sudeley	53
Swindon	626
Up Hatherley	1,354
Winchcombe	229
Woodmancote	23
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5,783 yards = 3 miles 503 yards.	

Refuse and Salvage.

Built-up areas receive two collections and the remainder of the district one collection every fortnight. The volume of household refuse is increasing and changing in nature due to the growing tendency to prepack commodities, and this is causing difficulty in disposal.

The controlled method of tipping is undertaken and refuse is tipped at Shurdington, Winchcombe and Twynning. The Shurdington Tip has a life expectancy of approximately six months. Enquiries are being made regarding further suitable sites for the disposal of refuse.

No. of visits to tips, etc. 312

Vehicles:

- 1 Shelvoke & Drewry 50 cu. yd. Pakamatic.
- 1 Eagle Compressmore 12/24 cu. yd.
- 3 Shelvoke & Drewry 16/20 cu. yd. fore and aft tippers.
- 2 Karrier 12 cu. yd. side loading tippers.

	<u>Year Ending:</u>		
	<u>31.12.64</u>	<u>31.12.65</u>	<u>31.12.66</u>
No. of Dwellings	11,546	11,992	12,422
Distance travelled by vehicles (miles)	61,339	63,418	62,889

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY.

Number of visits	90
Number of informal notices sent	Nil.

CAR PARKS.

Preparations are in hand for the provision of a car park at Bull Lane, Winchcombe there being a great need for this facility in the locality.

Number of visits	203
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PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS, 1928 and 1936.

No. of informal notices served:	15
No. of licences issued to store petroleum:	74
No. of visits	212

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Action taken was as follows:-

	<u>No. of treatments to premises.</u>	<u>No. of Visits.</u>	<u>No. of Inspections.</u>
R.D.C. Premises	173	433	13
Other Premises	<u>366</u>	<u>910</u>	<u>605</u>
	<u>539</u>	<u>1,343</u>	<u>618</u>
No. of complaints received and visited:		86	
Total No. of visits by other members of the staff:		80	
No. of informal notices served:		1	

Treatment of Sewers.

The Council's sewers were test baited in June, 1966 no takes were recorded.

Manholes Tested.

Alderton	6
Ashchurch	5
Badgeworth (Witcombe)	3
Bishops Cleeve	17
Gotherington and Woolstone	6
Leckhampton	14
Prestbury	17
Shurdington	8
Southam & Woodmancote	6
Swindon	6
Toddington	11
Up Hatherley	5
Winchcombe	3

LOANS FOR HOUSE PURCHASE.

The work involved is first in checking the plans and specifications prior to loan sanction, and afterwards inspection of the work to see that it is satisfactory, and certifying payment at the appropriate stages.

LOANS FOR HOUSE PURCHASE. (Continued)

During the year, advances were made in 4 cases, these totalling £7,540; the total advances to the end of 1966 was 800, the amount loaned being £1,547,044. These figures do not include those relating to the Bishops Cleeve Housing Association and the Dowty Housing Association,

Number of visits: 48.

S U M M A R Y.

The foregoing report deals with the principal sections, but during the year, there were other fields of activity such as dangerous structures, Milk & Dairies Regulations, Street Numbering, inspection of housing sites, Licensing, Betting, Gaming and Lotteries, Pet Animals, Animal Boarding Acts, etc. These have entailed a number of visits and inspections. A summary of the visits, is as follows:-

	<u>Year ending.</u>		
	<u>1964.</u>	<u>1965.</u>	<u>1966.</u>
Council House repairs	5021	5330	4431
Housing Act inspections	202	186	247
Improvement Grants	384	206	204
Building Byelaws	4158	5628	3232
<u>Public Health:</u>			
Nuisances, Statutory Notices, etc.	295	483	428
New drainage systems	259	281	167
Public conveniences	80	41	23
Infectious diseases	33	56	18
Street numbering	364	27	77
Other Public Health Visits(Clean Air Act, Farm Drainage, etc.)			427
Slaughterhouse	110	102	85
Food and Drugs Acts	328	292	306
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963		150	134
Caravan Sites	409	312	627
Factories and Workshops Act	209	210	238
Sewage Disposal Works etc.	2033	1752	2112
Water supplies	103	76	139
Refuse and Salvage	293	250	312
Public Rights of Way	114	85	90
Car Parks		37	203
Petroleum Act, 1928 & 1936	147	170	212
Pest Destruction	2244	2155	2041
Loans for House Purchase	346	81	48
Miscellaneous visits	162	244	367
Depot			171
	<u>17,294</u>	<u>17,154</u>	<u>16,339</u>

No. of communications despatched from the office during the year: 4,058

I wish to thank all members of the Council's staff for the friendly and close co-operation which has prevailed throughout with all departments.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for the kindness and consideration which they have afforded when dealing with the work of the Department.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

L. GROGAN,

Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.

APPENDIX.

Factories Act, 1961.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
in respect of the year 1966 for the Rural District
of Cheltenham in the County of Gloucestershire.

Prescribed particulars on the
Administration of the
Factories Act, 1961.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted. (5)
(1) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	34	48	---	---
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	98	149	1	---
(3) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	31	41	---	---
Total:	163	238	1	---

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7) (b) Unsuitable or defective.	1	2	---	1	---

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK.

(Sections 133 and 134)

No. of Outworkers

NIL.

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<u>Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area</u>	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	2
<u>Vital Statistics: Mothers and Infants.</u>										
Live Births	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	2
Illegitimate Live Births	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	2
Still Births	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	2
Total Live and Still Births	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	2
Infant Deaths	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	2
Infant Mortality Rates	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	3
Neo-Natal Mortality Rates	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	3
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	3
Perinatal Mortality Rate	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	3
Maternal Mortality	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	3
Deaths	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	3
Population	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	3
Birth Rate	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	3
Death Rate	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	3
Infant Mortality	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	3
Cancer	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	4
Causes of Death	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	4
Birth, Death and Infant Mortality Rates in the										
District for the last five years	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	5
Comparison with the Birth, Death and Infantile Mortality										
Rates for England and Wales etc. for 1966	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	5
<u>Infectious Diseases.</u>										
Infectious Diseases notified during 1966										
(excluding Tuberculosis)	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	6
Scarlet Fever	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	6
Diphtheria	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	6
Whooping Cough	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	6
Measles	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	6
Poliomyelitis	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	6
Food Poisoning	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	6
Dysentery	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	6
<u>Vaccination and Immunisation.</u>										
Diphtheria Immunisation	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	7
Vaccination against Smallpox	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	7
Tuberculosis										
New cases	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	7
Deaths	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	7
Tuberculosis Register	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	7
<u>Public Health</u>										
Food and Drugs Act, 1955	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	8
<u>National Assistance Act, 1948.</u>										
Section 47	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	8
Old People's Welfare Committee	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	8
Families at Risk	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	8
<u>General Provisions for Health Services.</u>										
Laboratory Facilities	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	9
Home Help Service	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	9
Nursing in the Home	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	9
Child Welfare Centres	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	9

<u>Public Swimming Baths</u>	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	10
<u>Water Supply</u>	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	10
<u>Report of Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector.</u>										
Housing	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	11
Repairs to Council Houses	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	11
Other activities in Housing	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	12
Housing Act, 1957/1961	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	12
Improvement Grants	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	12
Building Byelaws	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	13
Public Health	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	13
Inspection of Foods	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	14
Methods of Disposal of Condemned Food	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	15
Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	15
Food and Drugs Act, 1955	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	15
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	16
The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	16
Factories Act, 1961	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	16
Sewage Disposal	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	16
Water Supplies	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	17
Refuse and Salvage	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	17
Public Rights of Way	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	18
Car Parks	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	18
Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	18
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	18
Loans for House Purchase	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	18
Summary	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	19
Factories Acts - Appendix	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	20

